



# SWARCER NEWS

May 2010

## SOUTH WAKE NEWS LETTER

The SWARCer News has been absent from the club for a few months but it is going to try and make a come back. Like everything else done in the club it will be a joint effort. It will require input from all members. It can be constructive input or it can be you voicing a complaint about the way something was done. Rules are as follows if you are complaining and name someone then do not expect it to be published. This is not a forum for personal attacks. It is a forum for helping to improve the club or thanking someone for the efforts that they have put forth on behalf of the club or ham radio in general. So let's have your input. Send all articles to [ka0gmy@bellsouth.net](mailto:ka0gmy@bellsouth.net).

### Special Points of Interest

- Net nightly at 7:30 on the 145.210 repeater
- Tuesday night traders net at 8:00 PM on the 145.210 repeater
- Next meeting:  
June 7, 2010 at 7PM  
FV Presbyterian Church  
307 N Ennis Street  
Fuquay-Varina
- The June premeeting meal will be Pot Luck.

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## EDITORS NOTES

Normally you find the editors comments at the end of the news letter however; since I am trying to get something going I decided to put it here.

I know that this is not up to the fine standard that Vessie and Jim set for the news letter but hopefully it will get better.

One of the things I wanted to address is the Net report. At each meeting I hear people talking about there being no net report. In order to turn in a net report or net whip has to get the nightly net reports from the net controllers. Well I for one have been very poor at submitting my reports from the Tuesday night nets. Rumor has it that I am the worst offender but not the only offender. So before we throw stone over the net reports let's get the net controllers to do their job and I bet the net whip will then be able to do his job.

One thing that we all must do is say Thank You to the outgoing Officers. They have done an outstanding job over the past year in directing the club and keeping us on track. Our membership has grown, we have had a tailgating day, we have had a successful raffle and we continue to stride forward. So once again **THANK YOU**

**President Tim Ruffin W4TAR**

**Secretary Jennifer Avery KI4TFO**

**Treasurer Donn Harris NC4DH**

**Membership Chairman Ryan Avery NC4RA**

**Member at Large Jim Williams W4VCF**

**Member at Large Jim Young K9RII**

## MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

BY JENNIFER AVERY - KI4TFO

May 3, 2010

President Tim Ruffin W4TAR called the meeting to order at 7:04P.M.

Secretary's report: Jennifer had nothing to report as she was not at the last meeting and no one else took notes.

Membership report: Ran report via Jennifer that there are currently 58 members in SWARC.

Public service: Jack (WA2YBM) reported that there were two different walks that the club participated in recently, The MS Walk and The Walk for the Cure. The club had a good turnout with 6 or 7 people who worked the race. Jack also noted that 2/3 of the people who worked the last race were from our club. Coming up on June 19th is the bicycle ride— MS Ice Cream ride from 7am to 2pm. We need volunteers. To help please contact— Jack WA2YBM.

FIELD DAY: Summer Field day will be the weekend of June 25—27, 2010. It will be held at the American Legion in Fuquay—Varina. There will be directions on the web site and Jeremy is responsible for getting the info on the web-site. At the location, there is a covered patio and bathrooms are available. It also has a lake which we are free to use.

Floating an antenna in the middle of the Lake is being looked into. Steve (KA0GMY) announced that he would like to run a 5A 6A setup. So far there is a CW station to be operated by KE4RUN. If you would like to set up a station and operate please contact Steve KA0GMY ([ka0gmy@bellsouth.net](mailto:ka0gmy@bellsouth.net)). Even if you just want to operate. A schedule can be set up. If you would like to volunteer for some work (setting up antenna, running the GOTA station or just logging then let us know. We have something for you to do.

As you all know Phil, Anna and Dave have been working tirelessly over the last two months to find candidates to take the club into the future. June is our election month and a whole new slate of officers has been presented to lead us into the future. Holding a position in the club is a large responsibility. First it takes a commitment of being at the meetings (12 meetings per year). You also must represent the members. You need to be in touch with the group and know which way they want the club to go. Please do not forgo your own wishes but please make sure you have the support of the club.

Here is our slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee:

### President:

KF4USQ ... Anna Crissman  
W4VCF ... Jim Williams

### Vice President:

KG4FYX ... Jeremy Barnard

### Secretary:

KG4WFD ... Chris Caudle

### Treasurer:

KJ4AEO ... Christy Fernandini  
W2ISG ... Roger Mathison  
KI4VSO ... Tommy Williams

### Membership Director:

KI4PVB ... Elizabeth Curry  
NC4RA ... Ryan Avery

### Member at Large:

KJ4HNA ... Dave Caudle  
AJ4KZ ... Mark Womack  
KJ4RZT ... Mickey Barbour  
KI4VSO ... Tommy Williams

W4TAR ... Tim Ruffin as the outgoing President is automatically one of the members at Large.

Nominations can still be submitted from the floor on the night of the elections.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

W4VCF Jim still has a few yellow club t-shirts left in size XX. Please contact him if you want one. In the future any shirts to be ordered will have to be pre-paid.

## NEW BUSINESS

A Study group is forming for the purpose of getting up-graded to the Extra Class . If you would like to get involve

Please contact Phil, AE4PC

## SWARC FUND RAISER

Last year the SWARC had a fund raiser. The club purchased a Yeasu FT 60 handheld and raffled it off. I think that it went very well and the winner KB7CSW probably thinks it went well also. I think it is time to do something like this again. If you have any ideas please present them and let the club vote on it. It can be anything that you think someone could use.

Some ideas are:

- A hand held
- A antenna
- A SWR meter
- An ARRL Handbook
- A sound card interface

## PHONETIC ALPHABET

If you ever wondered? The correct words used for letters to make spelling more clear:

Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel,

India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hello, folks. Go to this URL to see a time lapse show of how the space station was put together. The thing that struck me was to think about the number of engineering design hours that went into it. Also, how they put all the good ideas into the available money!!!

[http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss\\_timeline/flash.htm](http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm)

Regards,  
Herb Lacey

## SKYWARN INFORMATION NETS & UPCOMING EVENTS

As posted on <http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/>

Every Tuesday at 9:15PM on the 146.88 repeater



## CAROLINA HELPING HAMS

No events listed.

More details and sign-up information can be found on links from the Ham public service calendar at: [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org)

## LINKS OF INTEREST

South Wake ARC Club website: <http://www.southwakearc.com/>

South Wake ARC Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southwakearc/>

Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network: <http://pcrn.net/>

Carolina 440 linked system: <http://www.carolina440.net/>

Central Carolina Skywarn: <http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/>

SouthEastern Repeater Association: <http://www.sera.org/>

Wake County CERT: <http://www.wakecountycert.org/>

Wake County ARES/RACES: <http://www.wakeares.org/>

ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/>

FCC Universal Licensing System: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

Hamfest calendar: <http://k4hm.net/calendar.php>

NC Canine Emergency Response Team: <http://www.nccert.org/>

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## Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.